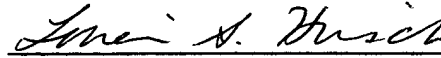


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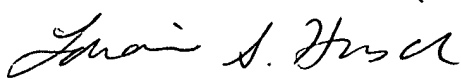


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Petition to Make Special**Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231****Dear Sir:**

Applicants hereby petition to have the instant patent application accorded special status for accelerated examination under 37 CFR §1.102(c). A declaration by Applicants' attorney accompanies this petition and establishes that the invention materially enhances the quality of the environment of mankind by contributing to the restoration and maintenance of water, one of the basic life-sustaining natural elements. No fee is required. This application has not been examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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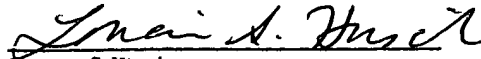
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Declaration in Support of Petition to Make Special

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.102 (c), I, the undersigned Applicants' attorney, declare that the invention described and claimed in the above-identified continuing application materially contributes to the quality of the environment by improving the ease with which water and soil samples can be monitored for testing for environmental contamination. As described in the application, the present invention improves the speed and accuracy of detection of contaminated soils and subsurface water, so that any detected contamination can be more swiftly mitigated.

The invention can provide the following material benefits to the environment in the case of contaminated water or soil:

--Applicants' invention allows more accurate evaluation of contamination, aiding in containment and remediation.

--During remediation, effectiveness can be monitored more accurately, so that cleanup procedures can be optimized.

--The improved evaluation enabled by Applicants' invention could prevent a contaminant coming into contact with people or contaminating drinking water by migrating to the water table.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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